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INFORMATION ON AN

INTERCONNECT

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AMENDMENT

DEAR SIR:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 7, 2002, please reconsider the above-identified patent application in view of the amendments and remarks presented hereinafter.

In the claims:

(Amended). A circuit for monitoring packet information put onto an interconnect by one or more modules, said circuit comprising:

circuitry for determining if the information in a packet matches one or more conditions; and

circuitry for preventing a module from putting further information packets onto said interconnect if it is determined that information on the interconnect matches said one or more conditions.

2. Cancelled.

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